

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:05 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Fred Lierman, Vice Chairman
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Mr. Michael Hren, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Todd Cagnoni, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Leland Carlson
Mr. Dock Ward
Alderman Doug Mark, 3rd Ward
Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Mark Marinaro, Rockford Fire Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 09, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request from Mr. Brad Roos, Executive Director of Zion Development Corporation, 910 5th Avenue, 61110, in the 11th Ward for 8 residential parking for the tenants at the Grand Apartments, 1146 Broadway, in the City-owned parking lot immediately north of the Grand Apartments. (C. Bishop asked how difficult it would be to take back residential parking permits. J. Carter stated it would take a council action. Commission discussed that it was better to have the residents park in the parking lot than on the street, and that the lot is not well-used. Commission discussed if residents would be assigned spaces or would be free to park in anywhere in lot. Commission recommended allowing permit holders to park anywhere in lot. Commission recommended granting 8 residential parking permits to the Grand Apartments to park in Lot F near the intersection of 8th Street and 13th Avenue. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 6-0)

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:

1. Request from Mr. Greg Rafferty, 603 Kennon Rd., 61103 in the 5th Ward for Yield Sign at Kennon & Foley. (Commission discussed that there was a low number accidents, low volume of traffic, no apparent site distance issues, and the road was not a cut through street. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. Wilson, seconded by C. Bishop. Voted 6-0)
2. Request from Tom Harker, 121 Hall Street, 61107, in the 3rd Ward to establish a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the west side of Hall Street from Jefferson Street to 6th Street. (J. Carter discussed that the requestor had complained that panhandlers hide between cars and wait for a queue at Jefferson Street and 6th Street and ask people for money while they are stopped. C. Bishop questions changing downtown parking rather than alerting the Police Department. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by M. Hren. Voted 6-0).
3. Request in the 6th Ward from City Staff to establish a “No Parking Any Time” restriction on both sides of Linden Court from Linden Road north to cul-de-sac. (J. Carter stated that this request came from the Police Department. C. Bishop discussed that complaint came from citizens in the sub-division away from the area. C. Bishop stated that the business owner have not complained about the trucks parking. Commission discussed that trucks are not leaving unhitched trailer on the road. C. Bishop stated that truck drivers are not currently breaking any city ordinance. G. Wilson questions whether vehicles are having issues turning onto street with trucks. J. Carter questioned whether restricting overnight parking would help. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by C. Bishop, seconded by F. Lierman. Voted 5-1).

The Traffic Commission elected the officers for the 2012 – 2013 Rockford Traffic Commission and nominated the following:

1. Chairman Nominee – Fred Lierman
(Motion by J. Carter, seconded by G. Wilson. Vote 6-0).
2. Vice Chairman Nominee – George Zawislak
(Motion by F. Lierman, seconded by J. Carter. Vote 6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM. Motion by M. Hren, seconded by G. Wilson

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:
July 11, 2012 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary